

The Voice of Rural America

Sustaining Rural Communities through Home-Ownership-by Frank Taylor



I recently overheard a young child say, I 'm going home to play with my toys and eat some snacks. This statement created warm feelings and security for this child, however, there are

others who are not as fortunate to have a home of their own. There is an extreme need for affordable housing in rural communities according to Charles Hampton president of the local NAACP branch. "We are working from within our communities to help families obtain the American dream of homeownership." We are building capacity with local lenders to stimulate home-ownership by providing financial education classes. Today's home buyers fair had

55 participants. With that in mind, the WCSHC will continue to disseminate pertinent information to help families make prudent decisions. We extend a special thanks to the following lenders for participating: Mississippi Home Corporation, Bancorp South, Regions Bank, Brownstone Services, USDA Rural Development, Mississippi State Extension Service, and JTS & Co. Mortgage Brokers.



Brownstone Services

First, I want to thank the coordinators of the Fair for allowing our brokerage to be a part of this much needed "information sharing" tool. The Home buyer's Fair was a great success! Seeing the enlightened faces of so many there as they received and noted the wealth of knowledge delivered - assured me that Winston County is on the MOVE. Here at Brownstone, we are ready to serve from beginning to the fulfillment of the American Dream - home ownership.



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Out-Reach Meeting-NRCS

The Winston County Self Help Cooperative will sponsor an outreach meeting with State Conservationist, Homer Wilkes and other USDA representatives on February 19, 4:55pm at the extension office in Louisville, Ms. According to cooperative member, Cliff Haynes we are working to help save rural America by connecting our members with service providers and other agencies to obtain emerging information. The public is encourage to participate and further information contact Frank Taylor at fltaylor@bellsouth.net or 601-346-9850

“Saving Rural America”

Bancorp South Bank

I certainly enjoyed being a part of the Home Buyer Fair and was impressed with the large turnout. In fact, the fact that there were so many in attendance suggests to me that Louisville residents are definitely interested in making home ownership a goal for their future and now is a better time than ever to take advantage of low interest rates which allow borrowers to get more house for their

money! The emphasis of my speaking was geared towards motivating the group to "take action" towards buying a house by setting a timeline, reviewing their credit report and starting a designated savings account. Today's mortgage options are unlimited and that creates more opportunities for everyone to own a home!

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JTS & Co. Mortgage Brokers

First, let me thank both the Winston County Self Co-operative and the NAACP for allowing JTS & Co. to be a part of the Home-buyer's Fair. I was excited to be a part of this information group. I hope that our present has help assured someone that the American Dream of owning and/or building their home is obtainable. With great people working together, the homeownership dream will become a reality to more and more Winston County residents. The Fair was a great success! Keep up the great work!!



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Rural Development



I really enjoyed the Home Buyer Fair in Louisville on last evening. I was elated to participate in the program. Hopefully I said something that can be of assistance to the residents of Winston County in steering them in the direction to becoming successful home owner.

We are here to serve the residents of Winston County in whatever capacity possible as it relates to home ownership and home repair.

Again thank you for inviting Rural Development.